

COMBINED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Glycolic acid copolymer and method for producing the same

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on September 24, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP03/12165 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefit(s) under 35 U.S.C. ' 119(a)-(d) or ' 365(a)-(c) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority NOT
Claimed

<u>2002-277648</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>24/September/2002</u> Day/Month/Year Filed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2002-280829</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>26/September/2002</u> Day/Month/Year Filed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>2003-037164</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>14/February/2003</u> Day/Month/Year Filed	<input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. ' 120 or ' 119(e) of any United States application(s), or ' 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. ' 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. ' 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status -- patented, pending, abandoned)
(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status -- patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby appoint the attorneys and agents of Staas & Halsey LLP under USPTO Customer No. 21,171 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:



21171
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor Yoshito KURODA

Inventor's Signature Yoshito Kuroda Date March 8, 2005

Residence Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken, Japan JP Citizenship Japanese

Mailing Address Asahi-Kasei-Ootaka-Apartment 3-208, 1005-1, Higashi-tomii,
Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken 710-0847 JAPAN

☒ Additional inventors are being named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

over

COMBINED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

2 - ∞ Full name of second inventor Harumi WATANABEInventor's Signature Harumi Watanabe

Date

March 8, 2005Residence Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken, Japan JP Citizenship Japanese

Mailing Address

1013-11, Koshinden, Fukuda-cho, Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken 712-8046 JAPAN3 - ∞ Full name of third inventor Masako YOKOYAMA

Inventor's Signature

Masako Yokoyama

Date

March 8, 2005Residence Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken, Japan JP Citizenship Japanese

Mailing Address

151-9, Bakuro-cho, Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken 710-0824 JAPAN

Full name of fourth inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____

Full name of fifth inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____

Full name of sixth inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____

Full name of seventh inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____

Full name of eighth inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____

Full name of ninth inventor _____

Inventor's Signature _____

Date _____

Residence _____

Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____